



# State Representative Bob Farr

Dear Friends,

As you know, I will not be seeking re-election as your state representative this year because I have been nominated to run for the office of Attorney General. For the past 25 years, I have been dedicated to protecting your interests and enacting legislation that best serves our towns and our state. My decision to seek higher office was not an easy one.

This year, as in the past, several grants were approved for worthwhile local projects, including:

- \$6,405,907 for expansion / renovation and roof replacement projects at Avon High School.
- \$500,000 for an expansion and renovation project at the West Hartford Public Library.
- \$500,000 to help pay construction costs for new Jewish Family Services offices on Route 185 in West Hartford.
- \$273,067 for an energy conservation project at the Wolcott School in West Hartford.

I have always taken pride in my accomplishments on behalf of the people of the 19<sup>th</sup> District and will look back fondly on my years of service to you.

I look forward to achieving even more for you and the people of Connecticut in the near future as your Attorney General.

It has been an honor and a privilege to have served as your voice in the state House of Representatives.

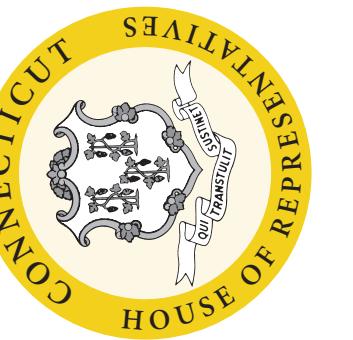
Sincerely,



Rep. Farr, center, confers with House Minority Leader Robert M. Ward, R-Northford, right, and Deputy House Minority Lawrence F. Cafero Jr., R-Norwalk, left, about legislation important to the 19<sup>th</sup> District.



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# 2006 LEGISLATIVE REPORT



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## Rep. Farr debates a bill on the floor of the state House of Representatives during the 2006 legislative session.

### Protecting Your Interests

During the 2006 session, as always, I worked on behalf of the 19th District's families, children, seniors and taxpayers. I supported measures to ease traffic congestion, spur economic growth and create jobs, preserve the environment and protect consumers.

### Creating More Jobs

Connecticut still lags behind most other states in economic growth and job creation. To help rectify that situation, I voted for a law that provides property tax exemptions to revitalize our struggling manufacturing sector and tax credits to encourage film production, which will help create thousands of new jobs in our state.

### Fostering Technological Innovation

I supported legislation to promote research in the growing field of nanotechnology, a branch of engineering that deals with extremely small electronic circuits and mechanical devices designed and manufactured at the molecular level.

### Nurturing Microbusinesses and New Companies

The state will provide matching financial assistance for microbusinesses that receive funding through two federal programs, and venture capital for newly established or expanding businesses that are in the early stages of developing new products and processes under an act I supported.

### Encouraging Math and Science Proficiency

I supported legislation that creates three pilot programs for certain teenage students to help them attain proficiency in mathematics and science and to prepare them for future employment with technology-based companies in Connecticut.

### Encroachment on Open Space Land

To help preserve undeveloped acreage in Connecticut, I supported an act that prohibits anyone from encroaching on open space land owned by the state or a nonprofit land conservation organization without permission or legal authorization.

### Clean Cars Program

I cosponsored an act that establishes a greenhouse gas labeling program for new motor vehicles starting with 2009 models. The program will enable potential buyers to determine which cars are environmentally-friendly, and which ones are less so.

### Umbilical Cord Blood Bank

To help people suffering from cancer, I voted for legislation that could lead to the establishment of an umbilical cord blood bank to collect and store umbilical cord blood, a rich source of stem cells, which can be used to treat blood-related cancers as well as several genetic disorders that affect the blood and immune systems.

### Breast Cancer Screening

I supported a law to require health insurers to provide added coverage for breast cancer screening if a woman is considered to be at increased risk for breast cancer because of family history, her own prior breast cancer history or other indications determined by her physician.

### Supporting Children with Cancer

I voted for an act requiring health insurers and the HUSKY Plan to cover testing ordered by physicians for children with cancer to assess the extent to which chemotherapy or radiation treatment has caused cognitive or developmental problems.

### Fighting Drunk Driving

To help ensure convictions of drunk drivers involved in serious or fatal accidents, I voted for a law that requires blood or breath samples to be taken from surviving drivers if police have good reason to believe they were under the influence of alcohol or drugs.

### Curbing Underage Drinking

To reduce underage drinking and help prevent serious or fatal accidents, I cosponsored a law that makes it illegal for parents or other adults to host parties where the consumption of alcoholic beverages by teenagers is tolerated.

### Sale of Fake Motor Vehicle Air Bags

I supported an act that prohibits the sale of devices that are intended to replace motor vehicle air bags but do not conform to federal air bag safety standards.



Representative Farr meets with other House Republican leaders to discuss bills pending before the state House during the 2006 legislative session.

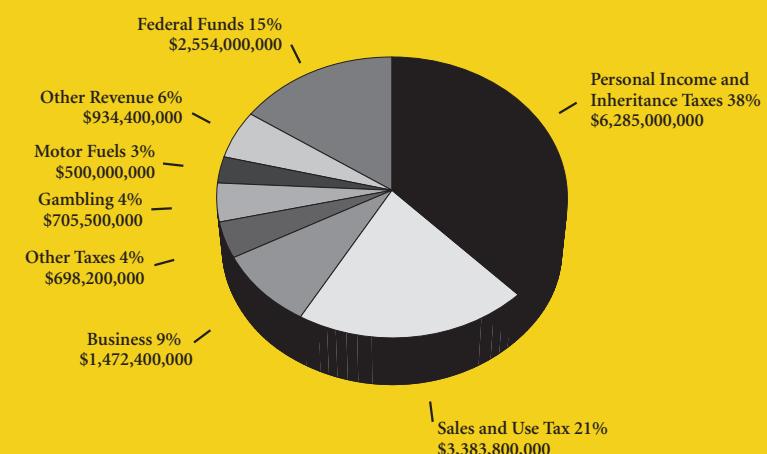
### State Budget

The 2006 - 07 budget increases the property tax credit property owners can take to reduce their state income tax liability from \$350 for the 2005 tax year to \$500 for the 2006 tax year, repeals the 15 percent corporate income tax surcharge, and makes prudent use of the state surplus. I supported the budget because it is fiscally responsible and will help stimulate economic growth and job creation in Connecticut.

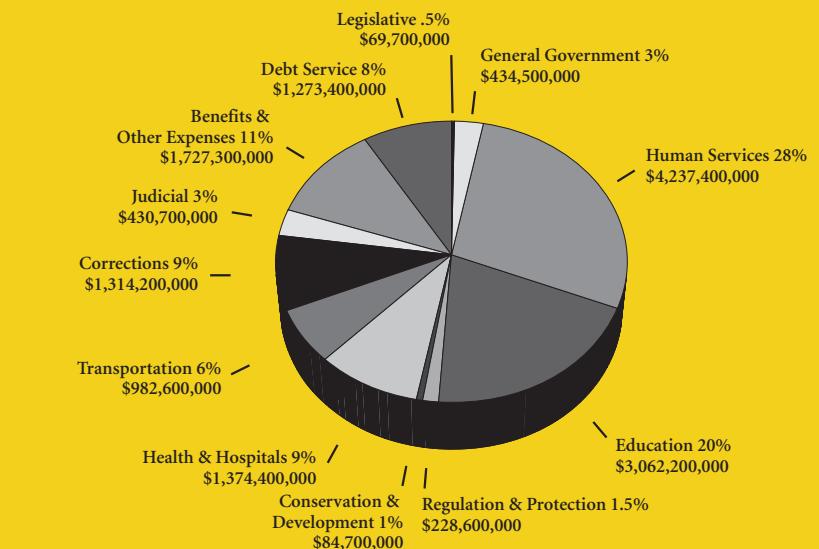
## BUDGET ENDING JUNE 30, 2006

The 2006 general fund and the special transportation fund spends \$15.2 billion.

## WHERE DOES THE MONEY COME FROM?



## WHERE DOES THE MONEY GO?



\*In addition to an expected surplus, the difference between expenditures and revenues is due to tax refunds.